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## Orders

*Appointed to be executed in*  
the Cittie of London, for setting roges  
and idle persons to worke, and for  
releefe of the poore.

Prouerbes, 16.

He that hath pittie vpon the poore, lendeth vnto the  
Lord: and looke what hee layeth out, it shall bee  
payd him againe.

Psalme. 61.

Blessed is the man that prouideth for the sicke and  
needy: the Lorde shall deliuer him in the time of  
trouble.

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**O**f releefe of the poore, and  
for setting to worke of vagarant people,  
there are to be set by in Bridewell certayne  
artes, occupations, workes and labours.

2 There are to be provided stocke & tooles for those  
workes. There is to be provided bedding, apparrell, and  
vyet for those poore to be set to worke.

3 When order shalbe taken and sufficient provision had  
for the furniture of the workes, Proclamation shall bee  
made throughout the Citty, that all vagarants which are  
come out of other places, where by the law they ought to  
be provided for, shall depart the Citty and the liberties  
thereof, to the places of their birth or last abode according  
to the Law, upon the paines thereof due.

4 Within convenient time after the day limited by such  
Proclamation a generall search shalbe made, and lyke-  
wise new generall searches from time to time as shall  
be requisite, throughout the Citty and the liberties thereof at  
one instant, & all the vagarants that shall be there founde  
shalbe brought to Bridewell to be examined.

5 Such of them as be not diseased, and the Citty not to  
be charged with the by lawe, shalbe dealt with according  
to the lawe.

6 Such of the saide vagarants as shalbe found diseased  
and to be curable, to y<sup>e</sup> number that the Hospitals shalbe  
able to receive, shalbe sent to the Hospitalles to be cured;  
and being cured shalbe sent to Bridewell againe there to  
be examined and vied as is aforesayd.

7 In this respect order is to be taken with the Hospi-  
talles of S. Bartholmeu and S. Thomas, that such as  
shalbe sent to them from Bridewell by warrant of some  
gouvernours at the least under their handes to bee subseri-  
bed at a Courte or assembly of them together, may be re-

teaned at all tymes of the worke and not deferred untill they Court dayes. And that they spare the taking in of other, for the time, if neede so require.

8 Those whom the Cittie by law is charged to provide for and are able to work, shalbe received into Bridewell, and there kept with thin diet, onely sufficing to sustaine them in health, and shalbe set to work in such of y<sup>e</sup> workes labours and occupations as they shall be found fittest for.

9 If any such shall loyter and wyll not do such labo<sup>r</sup> as in reason they ought and as is done by other of like capacitie and strength, they shall be punished in Bridewell as is v<sup>u</sup>sed by the discretion of the Governours.

10 If any of them shall run away or escape from Bridewell, and be taken againe vagarant within the liberties of this Cittie, he shalbe comitted to the gaole as a Koge in the first deg<sup>r</sup>e, and neverthelesse after c<sup>r</sup>ecution done upon him by bo<sup>r</sup>ding his eare, he shall againe bee sent to Bridewell to worke as befo<sup>r</sup>e, if none other will at the Sessions receiue him according to Lawe.

11 Likewyse escaping and being ests<sup>r</sup>ones taken againe vagarant, he shalbe v<sup>u</sup>sed as a felon according to Lawe.

12 If any such vagarants shalbe found skilfull in any occupation wherby any Cittizen or other vsing such occupation wilbe contented to receiue them into service, or y<sup>e</sup> any Cittizen or any other wilbe content to take any of the App<sup>r</sup>entise or to service either in London or in the countrey, the gouernours of Bridewell shall do their ind<sup>e</sup>uor so to bestowe them. Provided alway that if after such bestowing, any of them shalbe found vagarant, hee shalbe v<sup>u</sup>sed as one escaping out of Bridewell as is afo<sup>r</sup>esayd.

13 Such of them as belonging by law to the charge of the Citie haue yong children upon their hands, and upon examination none shalbe found which by law ought to finde them,



them, the same children shalbe sent to Christs Hospitall by such order and manner as hath bene accustomed so far as the house shalbe able to maintaine the. And the reste to be maintained at the charge of y<sup>e</sup> parish according to law.

14 Such of them as are aged lame and impotent and not to be cured nor able to labo<sup>r</sup>, shalbe provided for in the parishes where they dwell by some good order there to be taken.

15 If any being so provided for shalbe founde begging in the streets they shalbe punished in Bridwell by order of the governours for the first time. And for y<sup>e</sup> second tyme, and the third time they shalbe used as Roges in the first and second degrees according to the Lawe.

16 Such parishes as haue moe po<sup>o</sup>re then they are able to relieue shall haue ayde of the money to be lenied for this cause.

17 If any Carrier or other shall by lande or water bring to this Cittie or nere to y<sup>e</sup> same any children or other and leaue them vnplaced or not sufficiently provided for: such Carrier or bringer shalbe punished by imprisonment, or otherwise as sharply as law wil permit, and also shall be bound to conuey such back againe to the places whence they came or where they ought to be provided for according to law. Warning to be given by Proclamation of the contents of this and the next Article.

18 Euery Inkeper or such other person in this Cittie or nere to the same, which shall wittingly receiue or keepe any such child or other so brought & not sufficiently provided for, shalbe charged to keepe and provide for such child or other so brought, or els be bound to discharge the Cittie of them, or to conuey them backe agayne from whence they came. And if he refuse so to do, then hee shall be punished as is abouesayd of the Carrier or bringer.

19 That Proclamation be made that euery Cittizen shal  
Liii. hane

haue charge on paine of iii. s. iiii. d. and euery other person  
shalbe required, to bryng oꝝ cause to bee bꝛought to the  
Constable oꝝ his Deputie oꝝ to the Bedle of the Ward  
oꝝ other Bedle euery such vagarant as shall beg of them  
in the Parish where such citizens oꝝ other doo dwell: that  
such vagarant may by such Constable oꝝ his deputie oꝝ  
by the Bedle be sent to Bridewell to be examined and  
sed as is aboue sayd.

20 The Constables, Surueyours of Parishes, Bedles of  
Wardes & other Bedles shall haue charge to appꝛehende  
all such vagarantes as they shall finde, and to bꝛing oꝝ  
send them to Bridewell as is aforesayd, on payne of vi. s.  
viii. d. to be paid by euery such Constable oꝝ his deputy, &  
iii. s. iiii. d. by euery such Surueyor oꝝ Bedle in whom the  
fault shalbe found, and the same to be leuied by distresse,  
and to be imployed to the vse of the poꝛe in Bridewell.

21 And also that the Constables, Deputies, and bedles,  
on like payne, shall conuey to Bridewell, such as shall be  
bꝛought to them as is afoze sayd.

22 The Constable in euery watch shalbe charged vppon  
like payne of vi. s. viii. d. to appꝛehend all such vagarants  
and Rogish persons as they shall find by night, and shall  
send oꝝ conuey them to the Counter oꝝ Cage, and so to  
Bridewell the next day. And the Doxter oꝝ Officers of  
Bridewell shall pꝛesently receyue them wythout any  
further attendaunce of such as shall bꝛing them.

23 The gouernours of Bridewell shall appoint some  
meete persons to follow the causes at euery Sessions a  
gainst such as shalbe committed to pꝛyson as is aforesaid.

24 For auoyding the returne of idle vagarants, and for  
better refoꝛmation of the idle youth and vntuistie poꝛe  
in this Citie and for further execution of the pꝛemises, e-  
uery Alderman oꝝ his Deputie in his ward assisted wyth  
a sufficient Steward shall keepe his Court of Wardmote  
once in euery month for the first yeare now ensuing, and  
in



in other yeres onte in every thre monethes, on payne  
to every Alderman for his default or of his sufficient De-  
putie for him in not keeping the sayd Court r.l.s. to y like  
use of the poore. And all y inhabitants shall there appeare  
or be amerced for their defaultes, and out of the saide a-  
mercements and profits of Court the steward shalbe re-  
warded with reasonable fee by the discretion of y Alder-  
man, and the rest shalbe to the sayd use of the poore.

25 By the Inquest shalbe there enquired, if idle persons,  
rogues, vagabunds, and other suspect persons which lyue  
disorderly or suspiciously or spende their times at Boln-  
ling allies, playes, and other places vntilfully: & whether  
the meane officers do their dueties, and all other mat-  
ters, as in the charge of leetes; and that speedy processe be  
used according to the law for the reformation without de-  
lay.

26 Order to bee there taken for the Wardes to haue ca-  
ges and stocks, according to the Lawes of this Citty, and  
for the renuing of searches for vagabants and such other  
persons from time to time as shalbe requisite.

27 In every Parrish by the Person or the Curate and  
Churchwardens with the Constable & the Collectors for  
the poore, and sixe other of the chiefe of the inhabitants  
at the least, a vestry to be holden in the weeke before the  
assemble of every such wardmote, to enquire and under-  
stand of all idle persons, vagaboundes, rogues, disordered  
masters of houses, disordered Childzen of the poore, dys-  
ordered Alehouses, and such like, absences from Church,  
and other misdemeaners in their Parrish: and that such  
as they finde, be presented at the next wardmote.

28 In every parrish a generall suruey to be made, by the  
Constable, Churchwardens, Collectors for the poore, and  
vi. other of the Parrishners of all their poore and needye  
neighbozs of the Parrish v.z. of every house particulary,  
the names of the dwellers, the childzen and seruantes,

the sere and age of enery one, and which be able to labour and whereupon, and who be utterly impotent to any labour.

29 No pension nor other relêse to be given to any which are idle, being able to laboꝝ. And such as will labour and haue not nor can pꝛouide to set themselves to woꝝke, making their mone to the Churchwardens oꝝ Collectoꝝs foꝝ the poꝝe, may by a bill to be signed with the hands of the sayd Churchwardens oꝝ Collectoꝝs, oꝝ any two of them and thꝛe other parishoners, haue woꝝk appoynted oꝝ deliuered them at Bꝛidelwell, oꝝ els where.

30 None of the poꝝe, oꝝ their childꝛen be suffered to begg oꝝ wander in the strêtes, but be exercised vpon meete laboꝝ toward the getting of their living in honest soꝝt.

31 In every parrish all the poꝝe houses shall be at cōuenient times visited, daily if it may be, by some one oꝝ moꝝ to be appoynted at the bestꝛy to see how they apply theyꝝ woꝝk, and the defaults to be certified enery sūday to the Churchwardens, and by thẽ to be noted in a book against the next bestꝛy.

32 Such youth, and other as are able to labour and may haue woꝝke & shal be found idle shall haue some maner of coꝛrection by the parents, oꝝ otherwise as shalbe thought good in the parish. And if they wyl not amend they shal be sent to Bꝛidelwell to be reasonably coꝛrected there.

33 Such as be impotent and relêued by pensions & can do somwhat, shalbe occupied in so much as they can doo: and the sicke shalbe visited and relêued of the cōmon boꝝe foꝝ the poꝝe in their parrish during onely their sickness, and afterward shal apply theyꝝ laboꝝ againe.

34 Humble sute to be made to the Loꝝd Mayoꝝ and bys bzethꝛen that vpon pꝛesentments in the court of Wardmote due execution and refoꝝmation be had.

35 Foꝝ better execution & redꝛesse to be had of thinges to be pꝛesented by the Inquest of Wardmote, the pꝛesentments



ments shalbe deliuerd to the Alderma of the ward, and by him or his deputy shalbe speedely redressed and executed such thinges so represented as be within his power by law and the orders of this Citty to execute.

36 Such thinges as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputy, but in the power of the house of Bridewell by vertue of their charter shalbe deliuered to the gouernours of Bridewell to be by them executed and reformed so far as they may according to the law.

37 Such things as be not in the power of the Alderman or his deputie, nor in the power of the house of Bridewell, but do require the authozity of the Lord Maior or of the court of Aldermen or of any Iustices of peace, shalbe deliuered ouer to the Lord Maior or to such iustices as shalbe requisite, that the same may be lawfully and duly redressed.

38 To euery art, science, or labour in Bridewell be appointed two of the gouernours of Bridewell to ouersée the same, who shal haue care to the doingtherof as they may answer that charge in credite and conscience.

39 Foure gouerners of that house shal attend two hours at the least in euery day for examination & direction of such as shalbe brought thether after the first search & for expedition of other things requisite.

40 The tresorer with some of the gouernours of Bridewell shalbe appointed for the providing of cozne, bread, victuall apparel and necessities for the poore, and to ouersée their lodgings and such other thinges as be needefull.

41 Of such companies of this Citty as wel the worshipfull as the inferiour as the gouernours of Bridewell shall find to be requisite according to the qualittie of the artes or labours that are to be ouerséene, there shalbe appointed persons to attend, so as there may be euery day two

attending at Bridewell to oversee the workes, and to give knowledge of the defaults which they shall find, to the governours, on paine of xx. Shillings to be payed by the wardens if they appoynt not, being therunto required by the space of a weeke before, & on paines of vi. Shillings viii. pence to be paid by every of the parties appointed, if he attend not being warned three daies before at the least, the sayd paines to be to the use of the 'pore in Bridewell and to be levied by distresse.

42 Where in the Sauoy are lodged nightly great numbers of idle wicked persons, cutpurss, confiners, and such other thēues, & there in the night are hidden from officers and in the day do vse their rogish life, so that y<sup>e</sup> same place honozably ordeined is by such abuse made a nursery of roges thēues idle and drunken persons: for remedy therof, request to be made to the maister of that house, y<sup>e</sup> speciall persons be appoynted to examine such as shall come to lodge in the Sauoy that such be lodged there as be of honest fame, poore men comming by for their lates or causes, or such as are knowen & can geue accompt of their labour in the day time, and no other: & if any such lewde roges be founde there, the officers of the Sauoy or the Iustices to whom it may appertaine may send them to such place as they ought to be sent by lawe.

43 Like order shalbe had for reformation of the lyke abuse in S. Thomas hospital. And for better execution therof two or moe of the governours of Bridewell may from time to time as often as shalbe thought needfull goe into S. Thomas hospital with assistance or consent of some of y<sup>e</sup> governours there, to serch what people shalbe there lodged, and such as they shall there finde vagarants and able to laboꝝ shalbe committed to Bridewell to be examined as is aforesayd.

44 For reformation of excessive number & disorder of alehouses, tipling houses, cellers, & such like which bee  
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the maintainers & receivers of wicked persons and be the occasion of much theft pilfering and incontinent life and y increase of harlots and consequently of Bastards and diseases to the great charge of the Citty: a view be had of all alehouses, cokes houses, tipling houses, cellers, & such like in every parish by such as haue thereof authority, & that the numbers of them be abridged to a reasonable proportion for the Ward or Parish, and in places conuenient, as shalbe thought meete, & certified by the Alderman of the Warde, and no other to bee allowed.

45 That al be put downe and disallowed, but only such as be of good fame, and knowne enemies to wicked life and so certified by the Alderman of the Ward, and that such as be once detected and found faultie of euill rule, shall neuer be allowed againe.

46 No lodging, gaming, or bitling be suffered in any celler.

47 Bondes shalbe taken with suerties for obseruing y said orders by vitalers, and the bondes and forfeitures therof shalbe made and employed to the vse of the poore in brydewell.

48 Where many Landlords and farmers of Allies, or of great houses conuerted into smal habitations, do kepe victualing houses, and houses, shoppes, or cellers for uttering of drinke vittaille and other chaffer to the inhabitantes of those allies or small habitations, all such shalbe utterly disallowed & forbidden to be used of such Landlords or farmes or by any other by their meanes or within such Allies or houses.

49 Such as are aboue limited to be punished by whipping, shalbe so punished by the discretio of y gouernours of brydewell, wherof at least there shalbe such numbers of Iustices as in such case is required by the statutes

without tarying for any delay of sessions at the Guild-  
 hal, which to the Governours should be troublesome &  
 to the house very chargeable, and consequently hurtfull  
 to the release of the poore.

**¶ Artes, Occupations, Labors, and  
 Works, to be set vp in Bridewell.**

The worke in the Millcs.	Knitting of hose.
The worke in the Ligh- ter & unloading of Sand	Spinning of Linnen yarne.
The carping of sand.	Spinning of Candell waxe.
Making of shoes.	Making of Backthreed
Chicking of Cappers by hand and fote.	Drawing of wier.
Making of woll Cardes.	Making of Pinnes.
Making of Payles.	Making of Pointes.
Making of gloues.	Making of Knives.
Making of Combes.	Making of Tennis balles.
Making of Inkle and tape.	Making of Bayes.
Making of silke Lace.	Making of Feltes.
Making of Apparel for the house.	Picking of woll for felts
Spining of swollen yarne.	Or any other that may fall in practise

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**I**s to be ordered, to y<sup>e</sup> in-  
 tent that the house of Bridewell be not o-  
 uerpestered, but may be able to receaue  
 such as shall needs, and that such as shal-  
 be brought thether be brought for theyr  
 reformation and not for perpetuall seruitude, that the  
 governours shall do their indenours to bestow as ma-  
 ny of the youth as shalbe put to labor there, in seruice  
 either as apprentices or otherwise with citizens or any  
 other that wilbe content to receiue the. And speciallie  
 that owners and Maisters of shippes be intreated to re-  
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ceine such into their service.

51 To avoid the perill that the setting a worke of vagrants in the said Artes at Bide well might be to the ouerthrow of the worke and to the vndoing of poore citizens householders, and their families that live by working in the same arts for other, or by retailing of things wrought: Therfore the gouernours of Bide well shall consult with the Wardens and discrete men of those companies that vse y<sup>e</sup> working or selling of such things as shalbe wrought in Bide wel, as shoemakers and other, that the said companies and their householders shall deliuer their worke to such number in Bide wel as they may with the benefit of their company, and shal pay for the same at reasonable rates to their profit.

52 Also a note shall be kept in Bide well of places and persons where and of whome worke may be had, that poore in parishes sent thether to require worke may be the better releued.

53 A view to be had of the cordwainers & other artificers what forrens are set on work contrary to y<sup>e</sup> lawes of this Citty, & how many of them by their birth or by their continuance the space of thre yeres do belong to the burden & charg of this citty, that order may be take for them & for auoiding the increase of them hereafter but in case of necessity, & also with bonds of such as shal retaine them that they shal neuer be burdenous to the Citty as vagrants or persons vnprouided for.

54 For the better releefe of the poore, the leather that shalbe found faulty in this Citty and seised as forsworned, shall neuer for any price come to the vse of the searchers, or sealers of leather, but shall wholly be to Christies hospital, & Bide wel, to be there made into shoes for the poore, by the poore that shall worke there: and the searchers shall haue their portion in money according to the praisement.

55 Provision is to be made for apparell, bedding, and meate for the sayd poore, for toles, and for stocke and stuffe for the occupations, for making of Willes, and buying of Lighters, for fees and wages of Bedelles and other necessary poore attendauntes; and therfore a competent & sufficient portion of money is to be had, which by an estimate for one yere accompting for ii, C. persons amounteth about ii, M, l.

56 That the act of common Counsell for Lime and for spending of sand and grauell to be taken out of Thame be seuerely put in execution, which the body of the Citty do humbly pray the Lord Maior and his brethren earnestly to do, and to bind, & punish with all straightnes the offendors to the contrary, and especially such workemen as in deceiuing of builders do slander the said sand, which by good triall in the buildings of noble men, and of sundry good Citizens, and other, and specially by a trial late made in the presence of the wardens of the sayd workemen, is found and confessed as good for the worke and as profitable to the builder as any other sand.

57 For the provision of the sayd stock to the accomplishing of the said good works, there may be granted by the body of this Citty twofiftenes to be assessed & leuied in vsuall manner, wherof the one to be paid as speedily as may be, the other at the end of vi. monethes.

58 Hereunto be added the taxations of al fozens inhabiting within & liberties of this Citty to be assisted according to the statute lately made for erecting of houses, for setting the poore on worke, or els to be contributary in the sayd fiftenes by the rate of their houses.

59 Where the other Hospitallies both for the poore children, & for the diseased are likely at the first to haue here by some increase of charge, & where also some parishes are to be charged with their impotent poore, which are  
not



not able nor fitte to worke in Bridewell: Therefore the Lord Mayor & such as be thereunto authorised by the statutes will sit againe and peruse the booke of taxations for the poore, that by the assessing of such as become in place since the last assessment & were not assessed before, and by aunouncing such as God hath further blessed with habilitie, and with reasonable consideration of such as be lesse able, the booke may be renewed and made as beneficiall, as reasonably may be for the poore.

60 That a consideration be had of the pensionaries out of the hospitall in euery Parish, that none be allowed without neede, nor to such as haue pensions otherwise, wherby such as truely haue neede may be the better relieved.

61 For helpe of the hospitals & Parishes in this charge all churchwardens & collectors for the poore be straitly charged to execute the lawe against such as come not to church, against all persons without exception, & specially against such as while they ought to be at diuine seruice, doe spend their time and their money lewdly in haunting of plaies, and other idle and wycked pastimes and exercises.

62 For as much as the playing of Enterludes, & the resort to the same are very dangerous for infection of the plague, whereby infinite burdens and losses to the Citty may increas, and are very hurtfull in corruption of youth with incontinence & lewdnes, and also great wasting both of the time & thrust of many poore people and great prouoking of Gods wrath of God the ground of all plagues, great withdrawing of the people from publique prayer & from the seruice of God, and daily cryed out against by Gods graue and earnest admonitions of the preachers of the word of God: Therefore be it ordered that all such Enterludes in publique places, and the resort to the same shall wholly be prohibited as vngodly, and humble sute be made to the Lords that lyke prohibition be in places nere vnto the Citty.

63 The forfeitures of al such as be bound not to place in their allies & small habitations any such as shalbe burdalous to the Citty, be severally leuied & employed to the releafe of the poore in the said Hospitals & parishes, and that the Lord Maior and Aldermen will not remic any part thereof nor stay any sute or execution vpon any of the said bondes without consent of the common counsell.

64 New bonds be taken to like effect and for auoyding of inmates of all such as be not yet bounde or whose bondes shall cease by the execution of them.

65 The Lord maior and aldermen by the request of y<sup>e</sup> gouernours of Bridewell appoynt some speciall officers or persons to enquire of goods sozen bought & solde wherby Citizens shold otherwise lose y<sup>e</sup> benefit of their trades and become vnable to releue the poore, & part of the forfeitures so to be found may be to the releafe of y<sup>e</sup> poore.

66 That the preachers be moued at the sermons at the Crosse & other conuenient times specially in the terme time, & that other good notozious meanes be vsed, to require both Citizens, Artificers, and other, and also all farmers and other for husbandry, and gentlemen and other for their kitchins & other seruices, to take seruants and children both out of Bridewell & Christs Hospitall at their pleasures, with declaration what a charitable deed it shalbe not onely for y<sup>e</sup> releafe of those whom they shall so take into seruice but also of multitudes of other that shall from time to time be taken into the hospitals in their places, and so be preserued from perishing, with offer also that they shall haue them conueniently apparelled & bound with them for any competent number of yerres, with further declaration that many of them be of toward qualities in readyng, wryting, Grammer, and Musike.



MARS,

HIS

TRIVMPH.

OR,

THE DESCRIPTION

of an Exercise performed the

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BY

Certain GENTLEMEN of the

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